H. R. 961

To prevent human health threats posed by the consumption of equines raised in the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 4, 2019

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY (for herself and Mr. BUCHANAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

A BILL

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Safeguard American Food Exports Act of 2019”.

SECTION 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds that—

(1) unlike cows, pigs, and other domesticated species, horses and other members of the equidae
family are not raised for the purpose of human con-
sumption;

(2) equines raised in the United States are fre-
quently treated with substances that are not ap-
proved for use in horses intended for human con-
sumption and equine parts are therefore unsafe
within the meaning of section 409 of the Federal
Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act;

(3) equines raised in the United States are fre-
quently treated with drugs, including phenylbuta-
zone, acepromazine, boldenone undecylenate, omepr-
azole, ketoprofen, xylazine, hyaluronic acid, nitrofu-
razole, polysulfated glycosaminoglycan, clenbuterol,
tolazoline, and ponazuril, which are not approved for
use in horses intended for human consumption and
equine parts are therefore unsafe within the mean-
ing of section 512 of the Federal Food, Drug, and
Cosmetic Act; and

(4) consuming parts of an equine raised in the
United States likely poses a serious threat to human
health and the public should be protected from these
unsafe products.
SEC. 3. PROHIBITIONS.

Section 301 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 331) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(fff) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section—

“(1) equine parts shall be deemed unsafe under section 409 of this Act;

“(2) equine parts shall be deemed unsafe under section 512 of this Act; and

“(3) the knowing sale or transport of equines or equine parts in interstate or foreign commerce for purposes of human consumption is hereby prohibited.”.